SUBJECT No. 281.

Diffusion of Agricultural knowledge.

Messrs. B. Kesavaiengar and Kesavadasiengar, Belur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Agriculture is the most important means of livelihood in this country. Owing to the want of improved knowledge in agriculture, the old system continues and the raiyats are growing poorer for this reason as also on account of failure of timely rains. Government help is therefore prayed for in respect of publication of books in Official Gazette dealing on :—

(1) The crops that thrive well in several parts.

(2) Kinds of ploughs that are best suited for particular soils in particular parts.

(3) The nature of Agricultural operations necessary in different localities and for different crops.

(4) The particular manure best suited for particular crops.

(5) The means of preparing and preserving manure.

(6) Establishment of demonstration farms by Agricultural Inspectors.

Reply of Government.—This will be done in the Revenue and Agricultural Gazette, the issue of which has been decided upon.

SUBJECT No. 282.

Prescribing Agricultural treatises as Text-Books in Hobli Schools.

Mr. Amble Anniah Pandit, Yedatore Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—It is prayed that a Committee consisting of experts in agriculture knowing English, Tamil and Telugu be formed to get books on agricultural improvements from different places such as Tanjore, Bellary, Penagonda, Saidapet, etc., and to translate such of the portions as may be conveniently adopted to this country. Such compilations may be printed and prescribed as class books in Hobli Schools.

Withdrawn.

SUBJECT No. 283.

Vernacular Text-books to be printed in Government Press.

Mr. Venkatakrishnayya.

Summary of discussion.—Text-books for Vernacular Schools may be printed at the Government Press in good type.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 284.

Book-keeping to be taught in schools.

Mr. Srinivasa Rao.

Summary of discussion.—Book-keeping may be prescribed as one of the subjects to be taught in schools as in the Bombay Presidency.

Reply of Government.—There are already two commercial schools, one in Bangalore and another in Mysore, in which book-keeping is taught. This is sufficient for the present.

SUBJECT No. 285.

Scholarships to sons of patels and shanbhogs.

Mr. Linge Gowda, Mysore Tk.

Summary of discussion.—It is prayed that sons of patels and shanbhogs who get potgi of less than Rs. 50 may be granted scholarships for receiving education.

Reply of Government.—Noted.